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Hi Tommie Jean-

I reviewed the newsletter and have the following suggestions for the Navy to consider:

- 1. "What is Happening in the TI Housing Area?" -- This section explains why the area is being excavated but does not really touch on whether or not the radium contamination is a health threat while the soil is being removed/stockpiled. The idea that the Navy has to ship off radium that is in people's back yards, but that it is still sitting there in bins, is alarming without risk context.
- 2. Same section -- The statement is made that "The items consisted primarily of small 0.5-inch-diameter metal foil that contained radium 226," but no further information is given about the items. The possible identities of the other items ("buttons and markers") are included. What are the metal foils, why do they contain radium, are they the same as the items in the other SWDAs, and why are they there?
- 3. "Background: What Contamination is There, and Why" -- Rearranging this section may make it easier to read, e.g., moving information from the second paragraph forward to explain why the arsenic is mobilizing or editing otherwise to help condense the section (in particular, the second paragraph).

Thank you for the opportunity to review the newsletter. Please call/email with any questions.

-Christine

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Hello Treasure Island BCT,

Attached for your review is Volume #15 of the TI Newsletter, the Island Times. This is a Word document in track changes mode. After we receive agency comments, we will insert photos/graphics and layout the text in newsletter format. Note that items in brackets [] are notes to you, the reviewer.

To keep us on track to mail the newsletter in April, we request your comments by Monday, March 30, 2009. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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